

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1):

- (a) Please replace paragraph [0037] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

-- [0037] Messaging gateway 214 is thus a second layer in the network architecture of FIG. 2. In one embodiment, messaging gateway 214 contains certain core functions enabled by a messaging server 211, billing/ reporting server 213, directory/authentication server 212, and/or other utility services such as TTS/ ASR servers 210. TTS/ ASR servers 210 provide text-to-speech and automatic speech recognition processes. Messaging server 211 provides access to message store 215 for message storage, access, retrieval and management. Directory/ authentication server 212 cooperates with messaging server 211 to authenticate access to services and to implement system configuration, class of service, and/or service management functions. Billing/reporting server 213 functions to create and store CDRs (Call Detail Records), and may further provide for customizable reports. Web server 207 may further provide a web-based interface to billing/reporting server 213, if desired, enabling service providers to access and manage CDRs to generate billing data and reports. —

- (b) Please delete the paragraph beginning and ending on the last line of page 24, consisting of the words "messages can be any type".